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to Mr. Robert J. Davison, Bath, New York, 1913  
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Sunday P. M.

My dearest Rob. -

You see I have  
not done my duty in  
writing home very well,  
but there is so much  
doing every minute.  
I surely came at the  
right time to see the  
different phases of college  
life. I wrote Thursday  
morning and that after-

noon and evening  
there was wild excitement  
over Forence  
burning. I found out  
all about it after I wrote.  
The Jr. Pres. or Vice Pres.  
had to burn her house,  
written in Soph. year,  
in the presence of 20  
other Jrs., with out being  
seen by a Soph. It can  
be done any place on  
the grounds - in any  
building except the  
Society houses - or out of



doors - at any time between  
4:15 - & 9:30. You see ~~see~~ this  
immense campus it  
was something of a trick  
to guard every inch  
indoor and out. But  
the Sophs certainly showed  
their devotion to duty.  
Janet, among others, stuck  
to her post 5 hours, out-  
and leaving for a meal.  
I sat in her room most  
of the afternoon and read  
and sewed, and once in  
awhile took a walk in  
the campus to see what

was happening. Then at  
6:30 I went to the village  
& had supper at the Tea  
Room all by my lones  
& brought chicken sand-  
wiches & cake up for Janet  
& Helen & another girl.  
As soon as I arrived  
here they required my  
services as chaperone  
in a 1915 car, and I  
rode wildly around the  
campus & village with  
different crowds of girls  
till 9:30 when everything

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Had to stop. It was as  
much fun for me as  
for the girls & maybe more.  
Of course, the advantage  
was entirely on the for.  
side, and ~~appeared~~ Friday  
morning the Sophs. found  
that the forensic was  
banned at 4:20 in a little  
far off at one end of  
the campus. But they  
had their fun just the  
same. Friday was a rather



cold disagreeable day so I  
stayed in and sewed &  
visited with numerous  
girls. This is certainly a  
drooping-in place, and  
the girls friends are very  
nice to me. Friday night,  
choir practice and glee  
club practice after din-  
ner. They are both worth  
while - and the choir  
is particularly so, and I  
don't wonder Janet wanted  
it. Their services are  
most beautiful and  
impressive. After these



Things were over, in fact,  
at 8:30, the Jrs. began their  
ghost walk which is held  
to celebrate Forensic Burn-  
ing. They all dress in  
sheets & pillow cases &  
form a procession, two &  
two, carrying candles &  
mimic about the green  
singing a mird dirge.  
It is beautiful & yet  
quite creepy. Then the  
classes all got together  
& first one (and then  
another) gave their class  
cells, & they cheered each

other & everything con-  
nected with College and  
it was great fun. They  
kept this up for half  
an hour or so and  
then ended with a  
cheer for the College by  
everyone and then  
musical cheer with  
which they end every-  
thing. Its really worth  
while to hear those  
girls yell. Janet has  
told or is telling Grand-  
ma about yesterday, so

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The ship Lat. I stayed here  
with her last night and  
this morning she got back.  
Just here, so I could see  
her house keeping ar.  
rangement. But Jane  
says she has told about  
to-day all but the sup-  
per at the Tan Jela  
house. That was a fine  
finish for a lovely day.



Ltrs. of Sarah's friends  
at Frenu are asked me -  
Marion Prince and  
Ullred Folk, both  
from Dallas, Tex., and  
both dears. The society  
house is beautiful -  
Italian Villa style - and  
has a hall, large living  
room with an open fire,  
library " " "  
dining room and lovely  
little kitchen. The girls buy  
their supplies & do their  
own cooking. We had



creamed asparagus on toast,  
ham sandwiches, coffee,  
ice cream & strawberries.  
There I met the Sr. & J.  
Presidents & lots of other  
fine girls. Mrs. McCou-  
nough was there too.

Then we all went to  
Musical Experts which  
were simply beautiful.  
I am more in love  
with the choir every  
time I hear it. Then  
I went back with the  
girls to the society house

and they turned out the  
lights & sang hymns, and  
some of the girls sang &  
played in the fire-  
light. It was just a  
lovely evening. Now Jane  
is ready for tea & I must  
go. Mother sent me some  
bills which I enclose &  
the piano does need tun-  
ing. This you was going to  
speak to Mrs. Chapman  
about Mr. Haupt. Lots of love  
to every body. Good night.  
Bill & Louie Wladaw, unless I am

needed sooner. Will

Faint has put the bills away so  
securely that they can't be found,  
but they were to Mrs. Charlotte  
Williams, Fifth Ave. New York  
for \$6 50, and the other to  
Misses Sullivan, Water St.  
Chicago for 14 50 with a request  
on each for a check by return



mail. Also William's number  
you can find on an envelope  
in a bundle of receipts in  
the drawer above in your  
writing desk - down at the left.